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Starachowickie Zaklady Gornicse (1938 to 1940) the machine shops (zaklady mechanicsme) included: Zee Enclosure (A)

- (1) Barracks of the factory guards
- (2) "Wicia" (Vidia) Division, producing tungsten carbides

 This division included a section for sintering plates and grinding machines where "Widia" plates were soldered /welded on shanks and edges grounded. Besides the production of new plates all types of tools with "Widia" plates were sharpened for the entire plant.
- (3) Projectile shop, machining of artillery projectiles and fuses. The projectile shop included a section for hot pressing of shell cases, further machining, installation of rotating bands, and complete production of fuses. In the basement of the shop was the central boiler shop of the electric enterprises and warehouses for non-ferrous metals. The so-called pickling shop, a section for treating surfaces of metals, operated within the framework of the projectile shop.
- (4) Automobile Chassis Division, pressing and welding of automobile chassis, on orders of the Polish FIAP and State Engineering Works (Panstwove Zaklady Insymierii).
- (5) Mechanical Installation Division, operations connected with the maintenance of operations and repair of equipment of the machine shops.
- (6) Artillery Division I, production of field guns, 75 millimeter caliber (French-type field gum), and production of prototypes.
- (7) Carpenter Shop, regular construction work. It also produced assumition cases and artillery equipment.

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- (8) Artillery Division II, producing antisircraft guns, 40 millimeter caliber, Bofors type.
- (9) Bureau of Engineering Design building.
- (10) Administration building.
- (11) Manual trades school buildings.
- (12) Tool shop producing tools other than standard types for own use and for other armament factories.
- 2. All production shops of buildings(3), (6), and (8) See Enclosure (A)7 were of reinforced concrete construction and were equipped with traveling cranes, overhead lighting, and heated with het air. Daildings (1), (9), (10), and (31) were it masonry. But dings (2), (4), (5), and (7) were of often frame and over an occupancy.

Type of production

- Initially, the enterprises included production of 37-millmeter antitank, go is, 40 millimeter Bofors antlaircraft gans, and 75, 105, and 155-millimeter field guns. In 1939, production of Bofors small guns was established as bosts and 75-millimeter field guns as auxiliary. Other artillery gun production was simil to construction of prototypes and preparation of their production for other armament plants. Actual production of antitank small guns, however, was taken over by the Engineers and Mechanics Factory (Wytwornia Inzylierow-Mechanikow) in Pruszkow pear Warsaw. Production of 75, 105, and 155-millimeter guns was taken over by Southern Enterprises (Zaklady Poludniowe) in Stalowa Wola. The sphere of production of the Starachowice enterprises included construction of guns with the exception of chassis which were produced by the Zieleniewski Enterprises (Zaklady Zieleniewskiego) in Krakow and the Cegielski Enterprises (Zaklady Cegielskiego) in Poznar. Preparation for production consisted of designing; preparation of complete workshop blueprints; planning; and preparation of tools, chucks, and gauges. Part of the work on designing and building was done by the State Gauge Factory (Panstwowa Wytwornia Sprawdzianow) in Radom. Independent of gun production, Starachowice enterprises planned and produced artillery ammunition especially for autiaircraft artillery. Customers for this production were: the Polish army, the UK, and the Netherlands. Quantity of production and its distribution among customers is difficult to establish because of a cryptony out method of freighting to one distribution station of the state railroads. During peace time, production amounted to approximately 15-20 anticircraft guns and eight field guns per week. Technical equipment of Starachowice Enterprises was at a high level; machine tools and equipment were of Polish, UK, and French make. Supervisory personnel and workers were highly experienced.
- 4. From the military viewpoint, Starachowice enterprises was an important production center, having access to nearly 14 thousand experienced workers. According to today's standards, it was well equipped technically. The undertaking of any mechanical precision production was possible there. There were shortcomings, however. Starachowice enterprises were too far away from the coal basin and had a water shortage. The daily flow of the Kamienna River, which amounts to an average to 3,600 cubic meters per day, was not sufficient to cover the needs of the housing settlement and the enterprises. Needs during the summer were just about covered by the reservoir. The Starachowice Enterprises could be put out of operation for some time by breaking the dam of the reservoir. Aerial recommaissance of the machine shops would be relatively easy through orientation of the Kamienna valley. Faring the spring and summer, the valley is covered with heavy fog and locating the works would be difficult.

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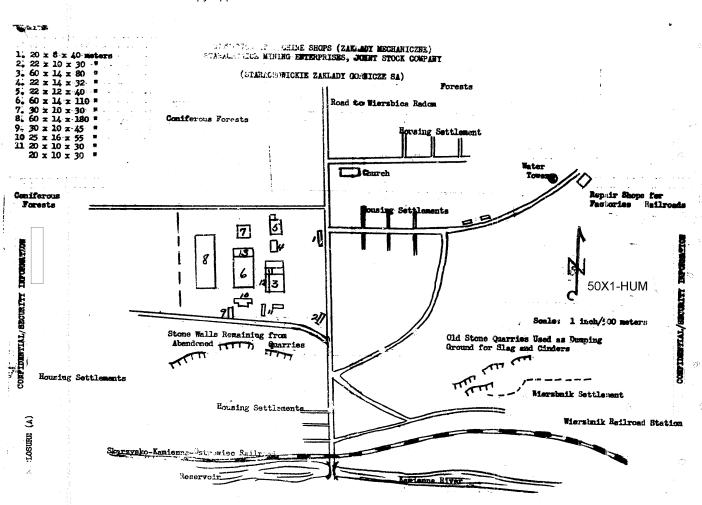
6. Mention should be made of the savmill and the Finishing Division for Artillery Ammunition (Wydial Elaboracji Ammunicji Artylenyjskiej). The savmill, despite its large production, is not basically a decisive factor in the Starachowice enterprises production. It is located on the read to Radom at a distance of lightlemeters from the machine shops. The Finishing Division was located about one-half kilometer to the left of the read and five kilometers up the read to Radom. It has been inactive since 1939. The buildings of the Finishing Division are of wood and are not of much production value today.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Starchowice Mining Enterprises

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